

**ELECTION OF GROUP**

From among the identified Groups as stipulated by the Office Action,

Applicants hereby elect Group I, corresponding  
to at least claims 1-20,

for prosecution in the instant Application.

REMARKS

This current Reply is responsive to a current and non-final Office Action having a Restriction/Election Requirement that was dated 07/31/2007.

The current Office Action asserted that the following five (5) Groups exist in the claims of the instant Patent Application:

- Group I, claims 1-20;
- Group II, claims 21-32, 43-49, 61-66;
- Group III, claims 33, 34, 56-60;
- Group IV, claims 35-42, 67-74; and
- Group V, claims 50-55.

It is noted that Applicants respectfully traverse the Office Action's characterization of the Application and the invention(s) therein. For example, the various described aspects are not necessarily "subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination" (as asserted on Page 2 of the Current Office Action).

It is also noted that the current Office Action fails to provide specific reasoning or other evidence supporting the assertion that "Inventions I through IV and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination." Nevertheless, Group I has been elected herein above to facilitate the prosecution of the instant Patent Application and to expedite its ultimate allowance as a U.S. Patent.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-74 are allowable. With claims 1-20 to be examined in the instant Patent Application, allowance of claims 1-20 is hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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